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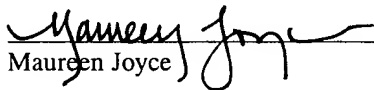
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated May 5, 2003 (Paper no. 15), the Applicants elect Group I, including claims as indicated in the paragraph below, without traverse. Pursuant to the requirement, please cancel claims 39-59, 72, 76, 78-181, 205, and 207-212, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants note that they believe that the listing of claims provided in the above-identified Election/Restriction Requirement as corresponding to Group I is incomplete. The Patent Office indicates in the Election/Restriction Requirement that Group I included only claims 3-5, 6-8, 13-15, 18-38, 61-70, 206, and 213-226. The Patent Office further indicates that claims 39-59, 172-181, 183-190, and 192 depend from cancelled claim 1 and are, accordingly, considered "cancelled claims."

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To begin with, claim 60, which was rewritten in independent form in Applicants' Amendment A (mailed February 28, 2003) is nowhere mentioned in the Election/Restriction requirement. Applicants believe that this claim is properly included in Group I as defined by the Patent Office and request examination of this claim as part of the elected Group I claims.

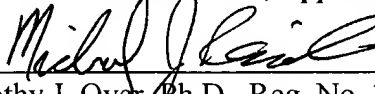
In addition, the Patent Office is incorrect when it indicates in the Election/Restriction Requirement that claims 185-190 and 192 depend from cancelled claim 1. In Applicants' Amendment A, claims 185, 189, and 192 were each amended to depend from independent claim 60. By this amendment, each of claims 185-190 and 192 depends, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 60, not cancelled claim 1. Because, as indicated above, independent claim 60 is properly included in the Group I claims, it is also believed that claims 185-190 and 192 are properly part of the Group I claims as well. Applicants, therefore request inclusion of claims 185-190 and 192 in the Group I elected claims.

In summary, Applicants elect Group I, which they believe properly includes claims 3-8, 13-15, 18-38, 60-70, 185-190, 192, 206, and 213-226 for further examination. All of the other claims, which had not previously been cancelled, have been cancelled herein, without prejudice.

All of the claims now pending are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, please contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

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